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NEWS RELEASE

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The Board of Aldermen recognized Officer Chase Rains as the October 2014 City of Branson Employee of the Month. Officer Rains was able to help a young man in need, and turn around a situation that was leading to his delinquency. He was commended for being generous and showing leadership and courtesy to a citizen in need.



CONSENT AGENDA - SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE BILLS

Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from various recent meetings.

Special Judge

The Board approved the final reading of a bill appointing Willard A. Dillow as Special Municipal Judge. Judge Dillow serves as municipal judge on rare occasions when Judge Thomas Motley is unable to hear a case.

Stop Signs

The Board approved the final reading of a bill amending the Municipal Code regarding stop signs. This amendment changes the direction of the stop sign at the corner of Briarcliff St. and Westwood Dr. in the Branson North neighborhood. Drivers on southbound Westwood Dr. will now stop, rather than the westbound traffic on Briarcliff.

Utility Easement Vacation

The Board approved the final reading of a bill vacating a utility easement in the Branson Professional Park. This easement is part of the site for the new Chick-fil-A store on Main Street.

Utilities Maintenance Building

The Board approved the final reading of a bill amending the architectural design contract with Gaskin Hill Norcross for design of the new Maintenance Building for the Utilities Department. A recent bidding process was rejected, and this amendment directs the design firm to make some modification and rebid the project. The new building will be located at the Cooper Creek Wastewater Plant, off Fall Creek Road.

Trail Contract

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving a change order with Hunter Chase & Associates regarding the recently-completed work on the Roark Creek Trail. The paperwork change corrects the timeline regarding the completion date of the contract work.

SCBA Apparatus

The Board approved the final reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Alex Air Apparatus for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for the Branson Fire & Rescue Department.

Verizon Contract

The Board approved the final readings of a bill renewing the City of Branson cellular phone contract with Verizon Wireless. This contract includes both city employee's phones as well as mobile data computers in city vehicles.

World Wide Technology

The Board approved the final reading of a bill approving a contract with World Wide Technology for the purchase of computer hardware and software.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS (1st Readings and public hearings)

Smoke-Free Ordinance

The Board approved the first reading of a bill amending chapter 58 of the Municipal Code to implement a smoke-free ordinance. The ordinance restricts smoking in indoor spaces inside the Branson City Limits. The ordinance restricts some outdoor spaces, such as City Parks and a distance of 6 feet from a public entrance, but most outdoor spaces, including outdoor dining patios (which had initially been considered for restriction) are not restricted in this ordinance. The Board heard additional public comment, and several amendments were proposed. Within the Historic Downtown area, the distance that smoking is restricted from an entrance was lessened to 4 feet. The Board considered, but ultimately rejected an amendment to restrict smoking entirely in hotels. However, they retained the proposed language allowing up to 20% of rooms to be designated as smoking rooms. The final reading of this ordinance will be considered on October 28th.

Water Rates

The Board approved the first reading of a bill amending the water and sewer rate schedule for 2015. The rate for both sewer and water will increase by 5% in 2015. Staff showed (attachments are available with the posted agenda on www.BransonMO.gov) that the City rates were some of the lowest in the area, and will still be very competitive, even with this increase.

System Connection Charges

The Board approved the first reading of a bill amending Chapter 90 of the Branson Municipal Code regarding system connection charges. A new system was put in place January 1st that bases the charge on the size of the water meter, rather than occupancy.

Food Code

The Board approved the first reading of a bill amending Chapter 46 of the Branson Municipal Code regarding the Food Code. This updates the Food Code used by the Health Department as they administer City ordinances, from the FDA 1999 Food Code to the FDA 2009 Food Code.

Building Inspection Fees

The Board approved the first reading of a bill amending Chapter 22 of the Branson Municipal Code regarding Building Inspection Fees. The bill establishes a fee for the inspection of construction that occurs under a pre-annexation agreement, where the property lies outside the City Limits. The property receives city water and wastewater services in exchange for a commitment to annex to the City when the property becomes adjacent to City Limits, and agrees to construct improvements according to City building codes.

Downtown Parking Areas

The Board approved the first reading of a bill amending Chapter 86 of the Branson Municipal Code regarding prohibited parking. In response to the upcoming work on the Downtown Branson Streetscape Project, the upper deck of the Reich Parking Garage (not the Convention Center Garage) will become permit-based parking for employees of downtown businesses. 2-hour parking is also being implemented on sections of College Street and 2nd Street (maps are available with the posted agenda on www.BransonMO.gov).

Health Insurance Premiums

The Board approved the first reading of three bills approving the 2015 insurance premiums for City Employees. These bills involve Health, Life and Dental insurance. The overall cost to the City will increase 15% over 2014, but copays paid by employees will not be increased at this time.

Recycling Vendor

The Board approved the first reading of a bill renewing the contract with Greenway Recycling for the transport and marketing of recyclable materials. This contract allows for the sale of the cardboard, metals and paper that are collected at the City-operated Branson Recycle Center.

Empire Electric

The Board approved the first reading of a bill paying for costs incurred by Empire District Electric Company in the installation of the underground duct work in front of the Branson Auto Museum. This duct work, an initial component of the City's Highway 76 Complete Streets Project, will allow the Empire lines and other utilities to be relocated under the sidewalk.

Lift Station Replacement

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a change order with McClanahan Construction Company, Inc. on their project to replace Lift Station 25.

Utilities on 76 Project

The Board approved the first reading of bills allowing for the expansion and relocation of the public utilities in relation to the City's Highway 76 Complete Streets Project. These bills relate to the Pasghetti's Restaurant development of Fogle Enterprises at 3129 W. Highway 76. The

agreements deal with expanding the City of Branson sidewalks and burying utility lines belonging to Suddenlink Communications and White River Valley Electric Cooperative.

Fire Station Signage

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a signage agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. This will allow the placement of signs on Missouri Highways, directing motorists to City Fire Stations. A new sign on MO Highway 76 will point motorists down Keeter Street toward Fire Station 3. Also new signs on MO Highway 376 and MO Highway 165 will point motorists down Green Mountain Drive toward Fire Station 3.

BIDS

Microsurfacing and Crack Sealing

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the 2014 Microsurfacing and Crack Sealing contract with Vance Brothers, Inc. The four sections selected this year for microsurfacing are:

- N. Wildwood Drive
- Roark Valley Rd. from Highway 76 to the Tanstone property
- Shepherd of the Hills Expressway from Brookside Golf to Roark Valley Road
- Gretna Road from the Roark Valley Road bridge to Highway 76

Pump

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the purchase of a submersible pump for Lift Station 17. This is a high capacity station located in the lower Fall Creek basin.

Asphalt

The Board approved the first readings of a bill accepting the proposal of Table Rock Asphalt Company to purchase one inch base and hot mix asphalt. This material is used to repair potholes, water line patching, and manhole patching.

Campground Pads

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of American Concrete Products LLC to construct concrete pads at the city-owned Lakeside RV Park. This project is the fourth year of a five-year plan to finish over 200 gravel RV sites with concrete pads. This year's phase will include another 27 sites.

Landscaping

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the proposal of Prolawn and Landscape, Inc. for mowing and weed-eating for the City of Branson.

RESOLUTIONS

Park User Fees

The Board approved a resolution adopting user fees for the Parks and Recreation Department.

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The Board approved a resolution adopting a consent agreement between HCW and Ozark Mountain Bank. The City approves this as the landlord of HCW at the Branson Landing project, acknowledging their agreement.

Salt Barn

The Board approved a resolution authorizing the construction of a public building at 3610 Keeter Street for use as a salt barn for Public Works. This second facility, to be built near the Branson Fire Station 3, allows for better access to the salt material during a severe weather event. The other barn is located on Compton Drive, in downtown Branson.

Appointments

The Board approved a resolution approving appointments to the Branson Commerce Park Community Improvement District.

(Background materials on all agenda items, including audio of the entire Board of Aldermen meeting can be accessed by going to www.bransonmo.gov and clicking on the “Agendas & Minutes” button on the right side of the website homepage.)